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SUBJECT:	Consideration of Approval for the Ranking of Clean Water Act Sections 319(h) and 205(j) Grant Proposals
DISCUSSION:	<p>In accordance with Sections 319(h) and 205(j) of the Clean Water Act, U.S. EPA provides grants for projects to control non-point source pollution and to conduct water quality planning and assessment. Working with the U.S. EPA and the Regional Boards, the State Board solicited project proposals for grant funding during the spring of 2000. It is estimated that approximately \$5 and up to \$.75 million will be available for Section 319(h) and 205(j) projects, respectively, statewide. The Central Valley Region received 16 Section 319(h) proposals and 2 Section 205(j) proposals. Three of the Section 319(h) proposals were determined to be ineligible by staff of US EPA and State Water Resources Control Board. The resources requested by the other 13 projects totaled approximately \$3.9 million. The 2 Section 205(j) proposals total approximately \$0.2 million. The eligible proposals have been reviewed and ranked by the Regional Board staff. The rankings, with a brief description of each project and the project costs, can be found in Attachments 1 and 2. Staff ranked the proposals based on criteria in the Request for Proposal (Attachment 3). The purpose of this agenda item is for the Regional Board to review and make any necessary adjustments to the staff's rankings.</p> <p>The rankings approved by the Regional Board will be forwarded to the Watershed Management Initiative Committee for its consideration. The committee is composed of one staff member from each of the Regional Boards, and representatives from the State Board and U.S. EPA. The Committee will determine the statewide project rankings, which are then forwarded to the assistant Executive Officer (AEO) Committee for approval. Following approval by the AEO's, proposals are forwarded to an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, which consists of Regional Board, State Board, and US EPA executive management will review the WMI Committee recommendations and then modify or submit them to the State Board. The State Board will consider approval of the lists at a Board Meeting this fall and then forward the approved lists to U.S. EPA.</p>
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve the staff rankings with modifications as specified by the Board.

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